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HB 1252

Representatives and Senators, thank you for your time considering this bill. My name is Simon Murphy, and I am an employee of The Ski & Bike Shop in Grand Forks and an avid cyclist. I strongly support HB 1252 for the safety of all cyclists. The Idaho stop provides cyclists the opportunity to yield at stop signs, which is far safer than completely stopping and waiting for cars. A cyclist should spend as little time in the intersection to make way for cars as they aren't used to the flow of traffic with a cyclist present. When I ride in Grand Forks, I always stop to set a good example for everyone. With current laws, I want to be treated like a car and wait my turn, but every time I get waved through the intersection by a vehicle, and this takes quite a bit more time for me to cross through the intersection coming from a complete stop. A cyclist view of the intersection is better than a vehicle, and a cyclist's speed is significantly less. HB 1252 is a solution that will make the flow of traffic smoother and the safety of cyclists far greater. Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.